

REMARKS

1) The Examiner has objected to the drawings, stating that Figure 1 does not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In a telephone interview on October 3, 2007, Examiner Andrae S. Allison agreed to withdraw the objection to the drawings pursuant to Applicant's cancellation of the device claims 19-25. Applicants have now canceled claims 19-25 as shown in the instant amendment, and it is urged that the objection to the drawings should be withdrawn accordingly.

2) The Examiner objects to the arrangement of the specification, for failing to provide headings for certain sections of the text. Applicants have now amended the specification as shown above to specifically outline the appropriate sections of text, including the Background Of The Invention, Field Of The Invention, Description Of The Related Art, Summary Of The Invention, Brief Description Of The Drawings, Detailed Description Of The Invention, and the Abstract. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that this objection to the specification has been overcome by the instant amendment, and should be withdrawn.

3) The Examiner objects to the specification at page 6, line 17, and suggests that the word "viz." is deleted. Applicants respectfully point out that this word has now been deleted from the specification, and replaced with a colon ":" for clarity. It is submitted that this objection has been overcome by the instant amendment, and should be withdrawn.

For clarity, Applicants have voluntarily amended the specification paragraph beginning on p.10, line 24, to replace the word "viz." from page 11, line 2, with the phrase "such as" as shown above. Applicants have also voluntarily amended the specification paragraph beginning on page 13, line 25, to remove the word "viz." from page 13, line 31.

4) The Examiner has objected to claims 10 and 13-18 for including the word "viz.". As suggested by the Examiner, this word has been deleted in these claims. In claim 10, the word "viz." has been replaced by a colon ":" for clarity. It is submitted that the amendment to claim 10 has overcome the objection to this claim as well as its dependents, claims 13-18. It is therefore requested that that these objections be withdrawn.

5) The Examiner has rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, stating that there is no antecedent basis for the phrase "the so-called second derivative". Claim 7 has been amended as shown above, such that this phrase now reads "a second derivative". It is respectfully urged that the 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection has been overcome by the instant amendment, and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

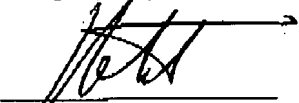
6) The Examiner states in the Office Action that claims 8-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Thus, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of claim 8 into claim 1, such that all claims depending from claim 1 now include the requirement that *the bundle is subjected to one or more than destructive operations prior to said illuminating step*. Applicants have amended claim 9 accordingly, such that it now depends from claim 1. Furthermore, Applicants have amended claim 1 to remove the requirement that the image is enlarged in the y-direction, which y-direction, or the height of the bundle of banknotes. While this feature may be present in certain embodiments, it is not necessary to require that *all* embodiments must include enlargement of the image in the y-direction. Accordingly, this feature has now been incorporated into newly added claim 26, which depends from claim 1.

It is respectfully urged that since claim 8 has been considered both novel and non-obvious by the Examiner in view of the applied cited art, that the incorporation of the subject matter of claim 8 renders the presently amended claim 1 and its dependents patentably distinct and non-obvious in view of these citations. Accordingly, it is not necessary for Applicants to address the Examiner's cited art and the 35 U.S.C. 102 and

103 rejections which relate to other claims, and which issues are now moot in view of the instant amendment.

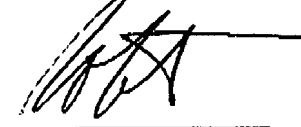
The undersigned respectfully requests re-examination of this application and believes it is now in condition for allowance. Such action is requested. If the Examiner believes there is any matter which prevents allowance of the present application, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted to arrange for an interview which may expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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